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## Gov. Perdue Vetoes Senate Bill 13

**RALEIGH** — Gov. Bev Perdue today vetoed Senate Bill 13, her first veto of the legislative session and only the second of her administration. The bill, widely criticized as harmful to the state's efforts to attract businesses and grow jobs, was vetoed around this afternoon at the Capitol.

"This bill started out as a way to help North Carolina secure \$400 million in additional savings from state government agencies during this difficult budget time," said Gov. Perdue. "I suggested that bill to the General Assembly and was ready to sign that legislation. But the bill in its current form forces a one-time cash-grab from funds that are intended to create jobs and spur economic development. That's not the right move for North Carolina, where jobs simply must be our No. 1 priority."

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